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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have assured themselves that this dearness allowance is being regularly paid? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The grants for teachers are being paid monthly now. As such, if they have not received the dearness allowance at the rate of Rs. 19 per teacher, we would have received complaints. If any complaint is received, we shall certainly go into the matter."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government have assured themselves that these monthly payments of grants are being regularly made? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" My information is that these monthly payments are made regularly. But the pay that they receive in the month of March may be the pay for January. There may be some delay."

Anti-malarial schemes.

* 35 *Q.*—Sri N. VENKATACHALAMAJI (on behalf of Sri A. Govindacharyulu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) for how long the anti-malarial scheme will be continued as a temporary one; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to regularize the services of all those working under the scheme in various cadres?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Anti-malarial schemes are required in any area only for so long as there is need for them. The schemes have therefore to be continued only on a temporary basis and progressively reduced as control is made effective. The Central and Regional Organizations for survey, supervision and research are accordingly on a permanent basis while certain other staff and particularly field staff has to be on a temporary basis. This does not however preclude the regularization of the services of those working under the emergency provisions and who possess the requisite qualifications, as and when necessary. This is done in practice and persons without the requisite qualifications taken only on an emergency basis are replaced when qualified candidates become available."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know who is responsible for carrying out these anti-malarial measures? Are the local bodies responsible or are the Government responsible? " 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government, Sir."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know the number of mosquitoes which carry malaria? " (Laughter.)

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I would like to have the advice of the hon. Member to give me ways and means of doing it."

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If the Government are responsible for carrying out the anti-malarial measures, may I know why should the staff employed in anti-malarial measures continue to be temporary indefinitely? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Because, this scheme of anti-malaria work is not done continuously in any area for any length of time."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government satisfied about their anti-malarial measures? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir. The results have been very satisfactory. In areas where we have carried out the anti-malarial operations, malaria has disappeared."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that anti-malarial measures will be undertaken continuously in one place or other till the whole Province is rid of malaria, why not the Government have a permanent staff which would be shifted from place to place wherever the scheme may be working? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is what is really being done, Sir. There is a small staff who are directing the work and who are permanent. They may employ labourers and other assistants for the time being in various areas and these people are temporary."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the staff employed in anti-malarial work do not require special protection and special privileges? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not think that anybody who is just doing anti-malarial work requires special protection as such because they are doing work against the prevailing malaria in a particular area. If the hon. Member means by his question that these men are not protected, first of all he has got to tell that they require protection. But the Government, I may say, do not think that they require protection."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know whether the staff employed in anti-malarial work, which is likely to prove infectious, are given special relief if they are attacked by this disease? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I may tell the hon. Member that malaria is not an infectious disease."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know the progress that the Government have made in eradicating this evil and how long will it take? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" We have been doing the work very successfully in area after area wherever the disease was prevalent. To the extent we have done it, we are satisfied with the results."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" How long will it take? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" This is too big a problem to answer. Malaria is prevalent all over the Province and we are tackling areas after areas wherever it is found, and wherever we have got sufficient resources at our disposal, both in men and money, to deal with the problem."

Effect of the Tax Relief proposals of the Central Government on Income-tax share paid to this State.

* 36 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the share of this State will be affected by the Tax Relief proposals contained in the Budget of the Indian Union, in the field of Income-tax ; and

(*b*) If so, what the amount is that the Madras State will lose for its share on that account from the divisible pool of the share of all the States from the Income-tax receipts?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The estimated share of the Madras Government for 1950–51 based on the preliminary communication received from the Government of India early in February 1950 was Rs. 820 lakhs roundly. Based on the latest report received from the Government of India which takes into account the proposals for tax relief this Government's share is expected to be about Rs. 827 lakhs, i.e., Rs. 7 lakhs more than the figure adopted in this Government's Budget. If there had been no proposals for tax relief the share of this Government would have been increased further by about some lakhs."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Is it not Rs. 124 lakhs? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are in some doubt. That is why I said ' some '. It may be Rs. 124 lakhs, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government of this State satisfied with the amount contributed by the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" We are never satisfied with what we are getting."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are we taking an equitable share in the income-tax? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Next year our share which was 18 per cent is reduced to 17·5 per cent according to the Deshmukh Award. Regarding the question whether it is equitable or not, I think the Finance Commission will have to go into the question and perhaps they may ratify the same thing."